Chapter 35.2. Training of Assessing Officials

IC 6-1.1-35.2-1

Provision of training; assessing officials

Sec. 1. The department of local government finance shall provide training to the members of the county property tax assessment boards of appeals, and the county and township assessors (referred to in this chapter as assessing officials) as provided in this chapter.

As added by P.L.24-1986, SEC.30. Amended by P.L.6-1997, SEC.115; P.L.90-2002, SEC.252; P.L.88-2005, SEC.13.

IC 6-1.1-35.2-2

Training sessions; per diem

- Sec. 2. (a) In any year in which an assessing official or a county assessor takes office for the first time, the department of local government finance shall conduct training sessions determined under the rules adopted by the department under IC 4-22-2 for these new assessing officials and county assessors. These sessions must be held at the locations described in subsection (b).
- (b) To ensure that all newly elected or appointed assessing officials and assessors have an opportunity to attend the training sessions required by this section, the department of local government finance shall conduct the training sessions at a minimum of four (4) separate regional locations. The department shall determine the locations of the training sessions, but:
 - (1) at least one (1) training session must be held in the northeastern part of Indiana;
 - (2) at least one (1) training session must be held in the northwestern part of Indiana;
 - (3) at least one (1) training session must be held in the southeastern part of Indiana; and
 - (4) at least one (1) training session must be held in the southwestern part of Indiana.

The four (4) regional training sessions may not be held in Indianapolis. However, the department of local government finance may, after the conclusion of the four (4) training sessions, provide additional training sessions at locations determined by the department.

- (c) Any new assessing official or county assessor who attends:
 - (1) a required session during the official's or assessor's term of office; or
- (2) training between the date the person is elected to office and January 1 of the year the person takes office for the first time; is entitled to receive the per diem per session set by the department of local government finance by rule adopted under IC 4-22-2 and a mileage allowance from the county in which the official resides.
- (d) A person is entitled to a mileage allowance under this section only for travel between the person's place of work and the training session nearest to the person's place of work.

As added by P.L.24-1986, SEC.30. Amended by P.L.48-1990, SEC.2; P.L.41-1993, SEC.25; P.L.6-1997, SEC.116; P.L.198-2001, SEC.83; P.L.177-2002, SEC.9; P.L.256-2003, SEC.29.

IC 6-1.1-35.2-3

Continuing education sessions; per diem

- Sec. 3. (a) Each year the department of local government finance shall conduct the continuing education sessions required in the rules adopted by the department for all assessing officials, county assessors, and all members of, and hearing officers for, the county property tax assessment board of appeals. These sessions must be conducted at the locations described in subsection (b).
- (b) To ensure that all assessing officials, assessors, and members of county property tax assessment boards of appeals have an opportunity to attend the continuing education sessions required by this section, the department of local government finance shall conduct the continuing education sessions at a minimum of four (4) separate regional locations. The department shall determine the locations of the continuing education sessions, but:
 - (1) at least one (1) continuing education session must be held in the northeastern part of Indiana;
 - (2) at least one (1) continuing education session must be held in the northwestern part of Indiana;
 - (3) at least one (1) continuing education session must be held in the southeastern part of Indiana; and
 - (4) at least one (1) continuing education session must be held in the southwestern part of Indiana.

The four (4) regional continuing education sessions may not be held in Indianapolis. However, the department of local government finance may, after the conclusion of the four (4) continuing education sessions, provide additional continuing education sessions at locations determined by the department.

(c) Any assessing official, county assessor, or member of, and hearing officers for, the county property tax assessment board of appeals who attends required sessions is entitled to receive a mileage allowance and the per diem per session set by the department of local government finance by rule adopted under IC 4-22-2 from the county in which the official resides. A person is entitled to a mileage allowance under this section only for travel between the person's place of work and the training session nearest to the person's place of work.

As added by P.L.24-1986, SEC.30. Amended by P.L.48-1990, SEC.3; P.L.41-1993, SEC.26; P.L.6-1997, SEC.117; P.L.198-2001, SEC.84.

IC 6-1.1-35.2-4

Subordinate training

- Sec. 4. The training programs prescribed by this chapter must be designed so that the attendees at a program are prepared to train their subordinates. In addition, the training programs must include:
 - (1) a course on basic assessment administration with an

examination; and

(2) the information necessary to obtain a level one certification under rules adopted by the department of local government finance.

As added by P.L.24-1986, SEC.30. Amended by P.L.198-2001, SEC.85.

IC 6-1.1-35.2-5

County payments for attendance

Sec. 5. A county that is required to make a payment to an assessing official, a county assessor, or member of, and hearing officers for, the county property tax assessment board of appeals under this chapter must make the payment regardless of an appropriation. The payment may be made from the county's cumulative reassessment fund.

As added by P.L.24-1986, SEC.30. Amended by P.L.41-1993, SEC.27; P.L.6-1997, SEC.118.